

# ALEX BRAVES PERIL OF OCEAN VOYAGE ONLY TO MISS LANDING IN NO-HIT HALL OF FAME

## EVEN SUNNY FRANCE FAILS TO GIVE ALEX PRIZED NO-HIT GAME

Twirls Against Team of Stars, but With Two Down in Ninth Some Soldier Pulled a "Butler" and Dropped Great Pitcher Out of Hall of Fame

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IF THERE is such a thing as a jinx, Grover Cleveland Alexander has one which follows him all over the world. It has stuck closer than a Liberty Loan agent while he was eyeing on the diamond in these United States, and afterward braved the perils of the salty ocean, arriving safely in France. Alex can't get rid of his pet hoodoo. And thereby hangs a tale.

We all know that Grover is the class of this planet and stands all alone when it comes to firing baseballs at opposing batsmen. He virtually won the pennant for the Phillies in 1915 and kept the club up in the race three other seasons. Thirty victories a year was an easy job for the big boy, and every one admitted he was the most valuable man a ball club could have on its payroll. Charley Weighman thought so when he dished out \$50,000 for his services and saw him pitch two games. But to get back to that jinx stuff.

Alex never has hopped into the hall of fame with a no-hit game. No matter how hard he tries, some one always puts the parade out of step in the final frame and an explosion results. Time and again he has missed it by one hit, which proves he is an unlikely guy in that respect. We have seen him work his head off to get by with a clean slate, but a couple of badly pitched balls always spoiled a perfect afternoon.

### Butler Ruined Alex's Chance in 1915

YESTERDAY a piece of sport news wandered across the ocean and into this office, containing the startling information that Alex had pitched a game for the 342d Field Artillery in France and secured a 3-0-0 victory. He held the other side hitless until two were out in the ninth inning, when some one batted on the nose for a single. If that isn't tough luck we don't know what is, but it proves that the hoodoo still is on the big pitcher's trail.

This brings back memories of a similar game played in 1915 at St. Louis, when Alex was deprived of a no-hit game in the final inning. He was going good that day and when the ninth inning rolled around St. Louis was hopelessly beaten. The first two men were easy outs and Art Butler, the shortstop, came up. This player had been easy pickings all day and Alex soon had him in a hole with the count of three and two on him. No one was on base and it looked as if Alex would bite the dust and end the game.

Now in baseball circles there is an unwritten law among the players to be lenient with a pitcher if he has a no-hit game in his grasp and two out in the ninth when there is no chance to win the contest. Perhaps Alex was thinking of that when he prepared to pitch the next ball, but Butler evidently had forgotten. A slow crippler wafted across the heart of the plate and Alex slammed it for a clean single.

There were no cheers or other evidences of joy after this hit. Bill Killefer hurried his mask to the ground and kicked it. The St. Louis players handed Butler an unmerciful roasting and he was a very unpopular guy from then on. Looking over the records, we learned much to our surprise that in the last two years Grover pitched few games where hits were scarce. In 1916 and 1917 he had two two-hit battles and four three-hit affairs.

HE SAVED his arm and allowed the other players on his team to do some work. Anyway, what was the use of trying for a no-hit game when the jinx was on the job?

### Leonard-Lewis Bout Was Not a Financial Success

ALTHOUGH the Lewis-Leonard bout drew \$34,000 in Newark last week, it now is reported the affair was not a success financially. It is said that Edward J. Croil, attorney for the Aldridge A. C. club, is offering creditors thirty cents on the dollar, and said creditors are raising an awful howl. According to the report, the management of the grounds received \$800 for its share and the remainder went to the boxers and promoters.

It must be quite expensive to stage a boxing bout in Jersey. The fighters received a nice slice of the coin, but no one knows what happened to the balance. Daniel writes the following in the New York Sun:

"According to Mr. Croil, the Aldridge A. C. club, owned by Jack Curley, who was to manage the bout and defray the expenses. At first it seemed that there was enough money in sight to pay the boxers and all other expenses and leave a handsome profit for the club. To the chagrin of the Aldridge A. C. it was found that exactly \$500 was left for the club after the principal bill had been paid. As the Aldridge A. C. had depended on the Leonard-Lewis contest to provide it with money to meet a heavy deficit due on two previous boxing bouts, it is in a quandary. In addition, the club is said to have been cited to appear before the New Jersey Boxing Commission and explain the outrageously poor management of the bout."

"If the reported receipts of \$34,000 are a correct statement, it is not difficult to trace the disposition of the money. The State tax of 10 per cent would amount to \$3,400, and the 20 per cent of the remainder that went to Joe Lannin, lessee of the grounds, was \$5,120. Leonard got \$8,000 and Lewis \$6,000, and the total paid out for the tax, to Lannin and the fighters makes a total of \$23,520, leaving a balance of \$10,480. Deducting the \$800 that the Aldridge Club received leaves a balance of \$9,680. It is not known how much Jack Curley received for acting as manager of the bout, but if he got \$950 he did very well indeed."

"A L. I. of which goes to prove that promoting boxing bouts in Jersey is not all that it is cracked up to be."

### Colleges Must Revise Their Football Schedules

COLLEGE football still is in a chaotic state, and will be until some definite ruling is received from Washington. Thus far the coaches and players are running around in circles, but no one knows exactly what to do. Government authorities have suggested that certain things be done, and those suggestions have been accepted as ironclad orders. There is much confusion at present, but it is hoped everything will be straightened out in the near future.

In the meantime schedules must be rearranged, for the most recent suggestion made by Colonel Reese was that overnight trips would not be allowed until November. This means the shifting of many important games, for it is impossible to find suitable opponents near big colleges. Penn, however, is rather fortunate, as the Marines are stationed nearby and games with Bucknell, Swarthmore and Lafayette also can be played.

The big switch, however, is the Pitt battle scheduled for October 26. This looms up as the most important of the year and it is sure to be a success financially. There seems to be little chance to play it, however, so the only thing left to do is to stage the game in November. Penn has November 9 open, and perhaps it can be arranged for that day. Pitt plays Washington and Jefferson on that day, but as Washington is only a couple of hours away from Pittsburgh it is possible to meet the Red and Black on October 26. It's worth thinking of, anyway.

THE New England colleges are up against it and Syracuse probably will have to wait until November to play any games—unless a definite and clear ruling is sent out from Washington.

ROBERT PAUL, whose "Paul Prep" stories have made such a hit with the readers of this paper, has left for the S. A. T. C. service and now is enrolled at Ursinus College. Paul made a great success in the sports department of the Evening Public Ledger and had a brilliant future before him. He is nineteen years old and graduated from Northeast High School last year.

Paul is the sixth member of the sports department to enroll in the service. Louis H. Jaffe is a battalion sergeant major in France, Bill Grauel and Joe Devir also are in the trenches; Percy Sanderson, known as "Sandy McNiblick," is a lieutenant "over there," and Spick Hall is a member of the marine corps. In addition, James S. Carolan is waiting for a call from the marines and is likely to leave any day.

TWO of the best two-year-olds now on the turf are likely to meet in a special race at Laurel soon to decide the championship for the 1918 season. Last year Papp generally was recognized as king. Billy Kelly and Bernal have shown the best form for two-year-olds around New York. This looks like the best race of the season and it is planned to turn over the purse to the Red Cross. Last year this was done when Omar Khayyam made Housley.

IT WAS a great day for the favorites on the inaugural day card at Laurel yesterday. Five popular choices were winners.

### A HANDY MAN AROUND THE HOUSE



### MONDAY'S CARD OFF AT OLYMPIA

Cancels Weekly Show to Prepare for Dempsey-Levinsky Card, Oct. 9

### DUNDEE MEETS LEWIS

Everything will be quiet in a boxing way at the Olympia on Monday night. The regular weekly show has been called off to make way for the big program arranged for Wednesday night, October 9, featuring Jack Dempsey and Battling Levinsky, which is the best thing in a boxing way just now. It is the fight classic of the season and a show certain to pack the South Broad street Arena.

Dempsey never has been seen here. In fact a top notch heavyweight has not appeared in this section since the days when Jack Johnson and Phila. Jack O'Brien were the leaders. Last winter an attempt was made by the Olympia to have Fred Fulton exhibit but this failed when the big purse was not forthcoming. Dempsey, but the skills under Fulton, just the same as he has other aspiring heavyweights. Few stand in the way to dispute his claim for a match with Willard. When he eliminated Fulton in twenty seconds he jumped to the front immediately. Jack now is working hard at Longwood, Lehighville, Pa. A twenty-four foot ring has been erected and stands placed around the ring. Big crowds collect daily to watch the big fellow work.

The only handicap Dempsey thus far has found is the scarcity of sparring partners. Jack wants some fast, big fellows, but few seem anxious to take a beating for the pleasure of improving the coast slugging. Jeff Clark, the fighting ghost, has been taking the punishment lately. Jack Thompson, the big colored battler, turned down a chance to assist Jack. Thompson insists that Dempsey hits too hard and quickly panned up the chance.

Johnny Dundee and Gus Lewis will perform in the semi-main event. Joe Burman and Young McEvoy will be seen in the second bout. A good opening card is being arranged.

According to Leon Blum, the advance sale continues big for this early date and justifies the prediction that a capacity gathering will be on hand when the big fellows clash one week from tonight.

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### \$400,000 Liberty Bonds Sold at Jamaica Track

Jamaica, N. Y., Oct. 2.—The race track has proved to be a fine place for Liberty Bond sales. In two days at Jamaica more than \$400,000 has been sold. Yesterday the first followers purchased \$110,000 worth of the previous paper. The Liberty Loan workers hope to pass the \$1,000,000 mark before the end of the week. With a couple of big races scheduled within the next few days, the crowd is certain to turn out and then watch the Liberty Bonds go.

### Scraps About Scrappers

HERMAN TAYLOR, matchmaker of the Atlantic City Sporting Club, has arranged a double winnow for the week's show on Friday night. In the first part of the double card two colored heavyweight battlers will be seen in action. Bob Ward, of New York, and Jeff Clarke, the fighting ghost, will be the contestants.

Henry Tauber, the local middleweight, faces Jim Booker, of Atlantic City, in the closer bout. Booker and Hauber met at the same club one week ago, and although Hauber was the victor, the fans voiced their approval at the exciting fight they staged. Both Booker and Hauber are fighters of the slugging type, and a bout as interesting as the one held last time should be the result.

**PART HARTLEY**, the Durable Dane, and George (D. O.) Chaney, of Baltimore, resumed training for their coming six-round bout, which is to be held at the National A. A. on Saturday night. Tom Cozier and Jack McMan, two heavyweight battlers, will be seen in action in the semifinal. Max Williamson faces Al Moore in the main preliminary.

**JACK ISLEY**, of New York, and Young (Huck) McEvoy, of Port Richmond, are putting the finishing touches on their training for their battle in the final bout at the Jamaica A. C. on Friday night. Johnny Maloney and Bobo Baras will meet in the semifinal. The other bouts will show Walter Remie and Johnny Moran, Billy Riner and Les Flynn and Tommy Herman and Jimmy Bradley.

**BATTING LEVINSKY**, the light-heavyweight champion, has been matched to meet Clay Turner, the Indian battler. They will come together in an eight-round scrap at Jersey City on the night of October 14.

### RUTGERS ELEVEN WANTED AT PENN

Students Would Have Quakers Play Sanford's Team on Open Date

### MOVE THE PITT GAME

With the announcement by Graduate Manager Bushnell that Penn would open the season with the United States Marines on Franklin Field on Saturday, the possibility of moving the Pitt game back into November, comes an appeal on the part of the students at the University for the Quaker authorities to book a game on October 26 with Rutgers.

Manager Bushnell said today that there was a strong likelihood of the Pitt battle, scheduled for Pittsburgh on October 26, being put to a date in next month so that the Red and Blue could conform with the spirit of the order sent out by Colonel R. I. Ross, to the effect that college teams should not make overnight trips during this month.

Dartmouth was dated to oppose Penn on November 9, but as the New Englanders are not playing football, Penn has an open date, and the probabilities are that the Pitt game will be fixed for that day. The Panthers are slated to meet Washington and Jefferson on November 9, but it is believed that that game can be moved ahead to October 26.

On October 24 Washington and Jefferson is listed to battle Notre Dame, at South Bend. This game has been called off so that a Pitt-W and J. game on October 26 and a Penn-Pitt game on November 9 are possible.

By Dickson's Marines should give Penn's eleven a great battle on Saturday, and the Red and Blue will go on to score a win. Dickson, who was head field coach at Penn in 1915, knows the Penn system of play and also Penn's style of football. He was end coach under Folwell in 1916.

### Schoolboy Fumbles

THE schedule for the Germantown High School football team has been announced. As the Cliveden have no home field, they probably will play their games at Houston Field, the grounds of the Central High School, or at the North-east High School Park.

The first game of the season will be with Catholic High School, probably at Houston Field. Coach Phil Lewis and Captain McCool expect to have a team of championship caliber this year, although the Cliveden eleven has been hampered by the loss of many stars.

Bob Montgomery and Smith have enlisted in the navy. Frank Meahan, the former captain of the Cliveden eleven, also is in the service. Anthony is in the marine corps. Hinkle has left Germantown and is studying at Perkiomen. The loss of Hinkle has been a severe blow to the Green and White, as his all-around end runs were one of the principal features of the Germantown success at the close of last season.

It is expected that Percy Andree and Forsythe will furnish the opposition on the line, while only Kenzie Meach will remain in the backfield. Captain McCool will be at fullback.

The schedule for the Cliveden eleven follows:  
October 4, Catholic High.  
October 11, Chestnut Hill Academy.  
October 18, South Philadelphia.  
October 25, North East, away.  
November 2, West Philadelphia.  
November 9, Camden.  
November 12, Central High.  
November 23, Frankford.

The South Philadelphia High School expects to take the measure of the Radnor High School when they play at the suburban team's field on Friday afternoon. Although the Red and Black is confident it will win from the Radnor squad, the South Philadelphia eleven will be on the lookout. Last year Southern defeated the Radnor team when "Mackey" Bunin ran through the opposing line for a touchdown.

Pittsburgh, Oct. 2.—Graduate Manager Karl E. Davis, of the University of Pittsburgh, has been reorganizing the Panthers' schedule to comply with the order of Colonel Reese, forbidding university teams from taking trips during October. Service men's programs will be brought here to fill the open dates and Manager Davis intimated that he would make an attempt to bring the University of Pennsylvania here in November, giving them the place on the schedule held by Carnegie Tech by moving the latter game back one week.

# WHITEMARSH CLUB HOLDS RECORD FOR BENEFIT GOLF PLAY

Chestnut Hill Organization Raises More Money in One Charity Match Than Four Previous Affairs at Other Clubs

### OVERCOME HANDICAPS

By WILLIAM H. EVANS

Philadelphia has seen five exhibition golf matches here for war charities. Four of these have been under the auspices of the Golf Association of Philadelphia, while the fifth was handled by the Whitemarsh Valley Country Club and more money was taken in at the last of the war charity tournaments than at the other four, and the conditions were decidedly against the Whitemarsh tourney.

There was everything in favor of the opening matches at the Merion Cricket Club. They were the first matches to be played here, the weather conditions were ideal, transportation facilities were of the best, and there was no reason under the sun why both should not have brought in a large sum of money for the Red Cross, particularly when it is remembered that such stars as Chick Evans, Jerry Travers, Max Marston, Oswald Kirby, John G. Anderson, Jim Barnes and Walter Hagen played. It would be difficult to have arranged for a more finer crowd of amateurs and professional players. Yet in spite of all these favorable conditions and the presence of such splendid players only about a thousand dollars was taken in at the two exhibitions.

### Pine Valley Gives \$2000

The third match was played on a Sunday at Pine Valley and that club is by no means as accessible to the lovers of golf who went either by train or motor as Merion yet \$2000 was taken in, thanks to the interest shown by the club members.

The fourth match was played at the Philadelphia Cricket Club with four of the best women players in the country playing with four widely known amateurs. Miss Alexa Stirling, Miss Elaine Rosenthal, Miss Mildred Caverly and Mrs. Ronald H. Barlow were partnered with Bobby Jones, Perry Adair, Max Marston and Cameron B. Buxton. The links is close to the St. Martin's station yet a crowd somewhere around 1000 turned out to see these stars and slightly over \$2000 was taken in for the Red Cross.

The match at Whitemarsh was arranged weeks before the games Sunday began and at one time it was called

### Shawnee Tournament Will Open Tomorrow

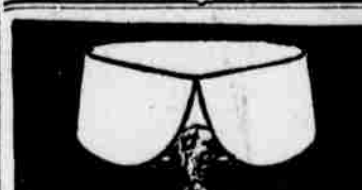
Philadelphia will be prominently represented in the annual fall invitation tournament which will begin at the Shawnee Country Club tomorrow. In past years Philadelphia golfers have brought home most of the bacon despite the fact that the Metropolitan district has always entered a lot of star players. This tournament will have as prizes silver medals and the winners and runners up in the various flights will give the money ordinarily spent for prizes by the club to the Red Cross. Each player paying \$2 as his entrance fee. The course is one of the finest in the country and is in splendid condition for the tournament.

off because the club did not wish the players to appear before a poor crowd. But the players immediately replied that they were more than anxious to appear.

### Tourney Brings in \$5500

Yet in spite of the fact that there was no communication other than the twelfth hole from the stations to the thirtieth hole more than 2000 enthusiastic golfers went out to Whitemarsh. It was a magnificent tribute they paid to the club and the charity. The western system of bidding was responsible for the major part of the \$5500 taken in and it must have been a pleasant experience to Bled Kelly, the auctioneer, after his hard work at other exhibitions, to meet a crowd of golfers who bid enthusiastically and generously.

Whitemarsh handled the affair in the admirable style as it has in other matters and the club and Tom Halton, chairman of the green committee, and his assistants are to be congratulated on the huge success of the affair.



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